



July Fourth activities to be coordinated by Barbara DeWitz

After more than twenty years, the fabulous Panorama Village Independence Day celebration will be coordinated by a new volunteer. Barbara DeWitz, head of the PV Parks and Recreation Department, has accepted the leadership baton from City Secretary Lisa Evans effective immediately.

Special thanks to Lisa Evans, Crystal Kilgore, Rhonda Scarborough and others who helped with the 2017 event. They will continue to be available to answer questions and help with resourcing, but the coordinating responsibilities will shift to new volunteers under Barbara's leadership.

"Anyone who has attended our July

Fourth activities knows it's not a 1-person job," said DeWitz, "and I'm appealing to all Panorama residents, especially ones with small children, to step forward and help us coordinate all the various events."

An organizational meeting has been set for Tuesday, **October 17** at City Hall at 7:00 pm to begin the planning process. If you're interested in helping in any way, from the morning parade and kiddie park attractions to the various pageants and competitions, volunteers are urgently needed. Please call Barbara at 936-228-0622 if you have questions or are willing to add your name to the list.



Bunco groups invite new players

Bunco is a fun way for Panorama ladies to get together one night each month, have a glass of wine (or other beverage), eat a casual meal and enjoy each other's company while playing a simple dice game. Sometimes the laughing can be heard from several houses away.

We have at least three active bunco

groups currently in PV and they are always looking for substitute players—you need at least twelve to play. If you would like to be considered, please call Susie Martensen at 936-524-3636 and let her know. If there is sufficient interest in forming a fourth group, Susie will help coordinate that.

Langley resigns from City Council

John Langley has resigned from City Council after 2-1/2 years of service. He cited personal and family reasons for his decision.

"John Langley has been a real asset to our community," said Mayor Scott, "and we appreciate the many contributions he has made to Panorama city business. We wish him well in his future endeavors."

Property taxes, water-sewer rates increased

City Council voted on September 11 to increase the Panorama Village property tax rate from .6604 per hundred dollar assessed value to .6852 effective October 1, 2017 for the 2017 tax year. This equates to a \$49.60 annual difference on a home valued at \$200,000.

The Council also voted to increase the minimum per household monthly water and sewer rates (usage up to 3,000 gallons) by \$2.72 for water and \$4.28 for sewer effective October 1, 2017.



The Panorama Lions Club served breakfast tacos to Hurricane Harvey evacuees and volunteers on Saturday, September 9 at the Lone Star Convention Center, and also delivered food to River Plantation residents who experienced rising water damage from the San Jacinto River downstream of Lake Conroe.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

The 25th Annual Men's Fall Classic Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, 2017. The Fall Classic was developed in 1992, by a group of Lite Hitters that included Rich Needham, Ron King, Gayle Fletcher, Jerry Locke, Claude Pass, Duncan Frazee, Ted Langlie, and Sid Alexander. They wanted a more casual tournament with lower fees that included a "FUN" format. They wanted it to appeal to players of all handicap levels and include events that made the tournament very popular over the years.

For many years they had Larry Alford, the One Armed Bandit, participate at Hole 21. Players would compete against Larry and win a prize if their ball landed closer to the flag than Larry's. After the first day they would have a "Shoot Out" that started all players on the first hole with their partner, with eliminations hole by hole until one two-man team was a winner. People would follow along in their golf carts from hole to hole to watch the competition.

Mary Ann Ireland took on the job of gathering items for a large raffle that included impressive gifts. Rich

Needham remembered power tools, televisions and golf clubs as some of the prizes. Some years they have had auctions and practice rounds on Friday.

Originally the team always included a member and a guest, but later it was changed to also include two members as a team, always including at least one member. This year the format will include Nine Holes of 2 Man Best Ball, Nine Holes of Total Ball Score of Team, Nine Holes of Two Man Scramble, and Nine Holes of Alternate Shot during the two day tournament.

Joe Watson has run the Fall Classic for about the last ten years, but played in it longer than that. Everyone I talked to always mentioned the word FUN when remembering this tournament. So members, get a partner and come join this FUN Tournament! Signup sheets are in the Pro Shop. Note: If you have other additional info on the Fall Classic, please let me know so we can add it to our history! And thanks to Joe Watson and Rich Needham for their help in writing this column.



Food & Beverage Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11 am - 7 pm
Wednesday	11 am - 8 pm
Thursday	11 am - 6 pm
Friday	11 am - 8 pm
Saturday	12 pm - 6 pm
Sunday	12 pm - 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/3** City Council meeting, 5:00 pm at City Hall
- 10/6** Panorama Ladies Association, at the clubhouse, 10:30 am registration, 11:00 am program and lunch. Dr. Meredith Geltz, "The Animal-Human Bond"
- 10/12** Liberty Belles Republican Women, at the clubhouse, 5:00 pm check-in, 6:00 pm program and dinner. Sen. Brandon Creighton is speaker.
- 10/17** Independence Day Organizing Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm at City Hall. Call Barbara DeWitz for details 936-228-0622.
- 10/19** Panorama Garden Club, 10:00 am at the clubhouse. "Flower Arranging Class." Annual dues \$20, visitors welcome.
- 10/26** Talk to the Mayor, 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.
- 10/28-29** Men's Fall Classic Golf Tournament, check Pro Shop for details.

Yard of the Month

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